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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
Paul A. THOMAS et al.	Group Art Unit: 3696
Application No.: 10/813,260	Examiner: Samica L. Norman
Filed: March 31, 2004	
For: RISK-BASED REFERENCE POOL ( CAPITAL REDUCING SYSTEMS AND METHODS	Confirmation No.: 5447

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2009, the date for responding being May 12, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.